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1649

Samuel Pepys was in the crowd that saw Charles I, King of England, hanged, drawn and quartered.

Charles I, (1600 - 1649) reigned from 1625 - 1649. He was son & successor of James I.

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Charles I as king of England,
abdicated.

He was forced from his
throne by CROMWELL.

Apr 21, 1649

The Maryland Toleration Act which provided for freedom of worship for all christians was passed by the Maryland assembly

1649 Charles I Executed in Whitehall England
The long Parliament, purged of all its moderate members
by Colonel Thomas Pride, was by 1649, a rump
of fewer than 60 members. It was no more than a
tool of Oliver Cromwell and the Army. Its decision
to try Charles I for treason was nevertheless a
momentous one. The court that tried Charles
was illegal; Parliament was, by the Constitution,
King-in-Parliament, and the King could
not try himself. The proceedings made a
mockery of justice. The purpose of the special court
established by Parliament was not to try Charles
but to find him guilty. Charles's refusal to plead
was taken as proof of guilt. On Jan. 30, he was
taken to a scaffold erected outside the Banqueting

Hall in Whitehall London, and beheaded. Among his last words, delivered to those within earshot of the scaffold, was an unrepentant defense of monarchical government: "For the people... I must tell you that their liberty & freedom consist in having of government those laws by which their life and their goods may be most their own. It is not for having a share in government. Sirs, that is nothing pertaining to them. A subject and a sovereign are clean different things." For the next 11 years under the rule of OLIVER CROMWELL, England enjoyed the only republican period in its history.

Jan 30, 1649

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beheaded.